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Report #1

12:00 PM

Trucker Convoy for Freedom protest

Eric Doidge – Opening remarks

Laurie Leblanc – Opening remarks

- Emergency preparedness considering other areas of the province
- Should we be using other regulatory powers? (Federal government)
- What should we do to prepare, and more broadly to support the effort as a whole and ending the protest
- What do we need to do on the ground operationally?

Eric: Jasan and I met with OPP today to discuss the evolving situation as protest is moving from Ottawa to Toronto

- OPP in contact with Ottawa Police/Toronto Police
 - Plan is to not allow any trucks access to the downtown core, preventing occupation
 - This may lead to issues on our highways, as they may choose to protest on 400 series highways rather than Queens Park
 - OPP connected to Toronto Police, MTO connected with OPP
 - Jasan connected to Chief Thompson
 - Parm connected from TEO perspective
 - TEO's now tied into OPP structure and can be deployed as required
 - Parm: Role to be determined. Strategically placed by the OPP to assist with closures
 - OPP is taking hands off approach to inspection out of safety concerns, likely to escalate matters
 - Looking to Quebec for assistance
- Structure set to deal with convoy as it moves into Toronto
- Concerns around Towing Operators not willing to provide services for potential work with this issue, could pose a problem and be difficult in having them engage in the type of work that may be required

Eric: If the protests occur within TZP areas, where does this leave the TZP operators?

Jasan Boparai: Concern is more with security of drivers and equipment

- TZP providers have an obligation under contract to complete the work
- To connect with OPP for a plan in case of issues on our highways, and ensure enough security is provided to ensure towing operations can continue to be completed
- Only reason they could push back is citing safety concerns for drivers
- To coordinate with OPP on this

Vinay Sharda: Questions: OPP making operational decisions on the ground, and coming to us (TSD, OD) as needed for decision making/information

- Have the OPP asked us to use the weigh stations to slow this down? This was done in Quebec

Parm: Officers asked to continue regular enforcement

- Imminent safety concerns should continue to be enforced. Do not target the convoy itself
- Concerns around bringing trucks in just to slow them down
 - Potential for inciting, or protests around weigh stations and escalating matters

Deputy: Do we have any tow operators on standby, or are there concerns with providing service?

Eric: OPP/SOLGEN requested and calls made to two TZP operators, Abrams and Classic, both expressed concerns with assisting and providing service. Citing security concerns.

Deputy: Can the OPP force them? Does that mean in Ottawa we'd be relying on current contracts that the police may have? Can't rely on private sector

Jasan: Ottawa has their own trucks for buses, so those can be used, but most private companies with existing contracts with the Ottawa police have expressed security concerns and are refusing to provide service. Threats reported to Toronto Police

Deputy: This may lead to more pressure to do something (consequence) with our CVOR system, but it is not set up for this situation. Potential pressure for other regulatory consequences

Ian: As another option, some police have AZ licenses, so they could potentially be used to move trucks. Other ideas include:

- Legislation implementing monetary penalties
- Potentially prohibiting those involved from government procurements

Eric: TPS will prevent trucks from entering the downtown core, could cause issues within TZP areas. Jasan to ensure operators continue to fulfil contract obligations. Dividing this a few different ways:

- Enforcement (Parm Bhattal is lead)
- Operational coordination with OPP (Jasan Boparai is lead)
- Potential regulatory adjustments/amendments (Ian Freeman is lead)
- Laurie Menard is communications lead
- Mary Gersht to provide legal advice moving forward
- Richard Le Clerc to be meeting Coordinator/Chair

Deputy: How does Parm fit into this plan?

Eric: Role is evolving, and will change into whatever is required

Parm: Moving under incident command of OPP and continue to receive one off requests of trying to ensure our staff can be deployed. We will continue to share information when possible. One item to flag, Jessica has been sending SITREPS twice a day, should be moved away from her to somewhere central, being more complicated than regular enforcement updates, unsure where it belongs.

Eric: Build on what Jessica has done so far and evolve from there.

Richard: SOLGEN and OPP will be producing daily SITREPS, to be shared with us as they come in.

Eric: Richard to coordinate these inputs for everyone.

Logan: Virginia and I will coordinate with Operations on a legislative and regulatory items point of view, including CVOR. We're in contact with legal, there is the potential to cancel licenses and other items from a conduct perspective.

Laurie Menard: No comms yet but want to ensure the correct media protocol in place first.

Mary: No input yet, responding to questions as they come in. Request other groups to coordinate to ensure consistent/coordinated response.

Eric: Meet once per day to summarize and strategize, also meet as needed in between but will meet when necessary.